

MINUTES
HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, JULY 21, 2014
TRAINING ROOM
3300 CAPITOL AVE., BUILDING B
FREMONT, CALIFORNIA
7:15 P.M.

1. **SECRETARY CALL FOR QUORUM**

2. **CALL TO ORDER**

3. **ROLL CALL**

Present: Chair Watanuki, Commissioners Dewan, Dhami, Iyer, Kwan, Nguyen-Cleary, Smith,

Absent: Vice Chair Vuppala, and Commissioner Hoffman

4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** of June 16, 2014

Commissioner Nguyen-Cleary requested changes to section 10.1, paragraph 2, correct the spelling of his name and strike out the section that says “amend the strategic plan item” and insert “adopt the following policy statements:” and in paragraph 4, to add the word “/and” in the last sentence to read ... “that support retention of/and accessibility to...”

A motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Kwan to accept the minutes of June 16, 2014 as amended. The motion was approved and so ordered.

5. **ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

6. **WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS**

7. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

8. **CONSENT ITEMS** (Routine items requiring no discussion; any Commissioner or member of the public can ask for a consent item to be moved to the regular agenda to allow for discussion)

9. **OLD BUSINESS**

9.1 Film Screening: Matthew Shepard is a Friend of Mine

Tabled until next meeting.

10. **NEW BUSINESS** (Items on which the Commission has not yet had an agendaized discussion or taken action)

10.1 Compassionate City Charter

A subgroup of the Tri-City Interfaith Council (TCIC), the Compassionate City Committee, is seeking support for the Cities of Fremont, Newark & Union City to be named as “Cities of Compassion.”

Committee members, Moina Shaiq, Sister Annette Burkett and Rev. Karen Haughey presented the Compassionate City Charter concept and asked the Commission for their support to move the Charter forward in the City.

A motion was made by Commissioner Nguyen-Cleary and seconded by Commissioner Dhami that the HRC supports the City of Fremont participation in the Compassionate City Program with the first step of posting a dialogue about Fremont. The motion was approved and so ordered.

11. **COMMISSION REFERRALS** (Referrals from the City Council to the Commission)

12. **COMMITTEE REPORTS** (Oral reports on relevant meetings/events)

12.1 Promoting Economic Security and Success

Commissioner Hoffman participated in a phone conference call on Shared Housing. The next steps to be taken are to:

- a. Do a survey at the Senior Center regarding interest in shared housing.
- b. Check on Section 8 vouchers and if they can be used for shared housing.

12.2 Celebrating Diversity and Promoting Civic Engagement of the Community and Youth

Commissioner Smith suggested the HRC have a presence in the Festival of India parade this year. The commission agreed and Commissioners Smith, Nguyen-Cleary, and Iyer volunteered to participate. Staff will create a flyer and email it to the Human Services Dept., people who participated in the Pride parade and the FRC distribution list.

12.3 Providing Safety-Net Services for At-Risk Populations

No report.

13. **STAFF REPORTS**

13.1 Attendance Summary (**Attachment 13.1**)

13.2 Calendar (**Attachment 13.2**) of HRC regular/special meetings and events.

14. **REFERRALS TO STAFF** (a request to have items placed on a future Commission agenda as an item of new business. A vote against means it will be dropped without consideration).

15. **ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Dhami to adjourn the meeting. The motion was approved and so ordered.